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SUBJECT: UN COMMISSION ON TNC'S

1. THE COMMISSION BEGAN CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL OF THE G-77
PAPER (CRP #2) ON MARCH 11. THE COMMISSION MEETING WAS PRECEDED
BY A WESTERN GROUP MEETING WHICH FEATURED A DECLARATION BY
ROUGE (FRANCE) THAT HE FOUND THE DOCUMENT ACCEPTABLE, THAT
HE FELT IT REPRESENTED A DIFFICULT COMPROMISE AMONG G-77
MEMBERS AND THAT AS FEW AMENDMENTS AS POSSIBLE OUGHT BE
SUGGEST TO IT LEST THE DELICATE BALANCE WHICH HE FELT IT
REPRESENTED BE UPSET TO OUR DISADVANTAGE. OTHER DELEGATIONS
SUPPORTED THE VIEW THAT THE DOCUMENT WAS BROADLY ACCEPTABLE
BUT DID NOT TAKE THE OBSEQUIOUS LINE THUS SUGGESTED.
WE INDICATED WE HAD SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH PARTS OF THE
DOCUMENT AND ALLUDED AS WELL TO OUR PROPOSALS IN THE
AREA OF CORRUPT PRACTICES. IN FACT, THE DISCUSSION HAS
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BEEN MARKED BY MANY SUGGESTED CHANGES, WITH THE US AND

UK LEADING AND WITH WILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF G-77 TO
ACCEPT A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF THESE.

2. IN SOME RESPECTS, US SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGE, PER
INSTRUCTIONS, WERE HAMPERED BY FACT THAT LANGUAGE WAS
AGREED IN 1ST SESSION OF COMMISSION.

3. TOWARD CLOSE MORNING SESSION, G-77 PRESENTED LANGUAGE
CALLING FOR RESEARCH ON EFFECTS OF TNC'S IN RELATION TO
SOUTH AFRICA. OPPOSITION LEAD BY UK, FRG AND US ON
GROUNDS LATE INTRODUCTION SUBJECT, DUPLICATION WORK BEING
DONE ELSEWHERE IN UN SYSTEM, AND IRRELEVANCE MAIN OBJEC-
TIVES OF COMMISSION. PROPOSAL WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE INCLUDED
IN BRACKETS.

4. AS OF MID-DAY, MARCH 10, AND FOLLOWING ONE AND A HALF
DAYS OF INTENSIVE INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS, COMMISSION HAS
AGREED ON LANGUAGE FOR THE MAJORITY OF ARTICLES IN THE
G-77 DRAFT TRANSMITTED REFTEL. REMAINING ISSUES, WHICH
INCLUDE THOSE OF GREATEST SIGNIFICANCE TO USG, HAVE BEEN
ASSIGNED TO NEGOTIATING GROUPS WHICH SCHEDULED TO MEET
THROUGHOUT REMAINDER OF TODAY (MARCH 11). SECRETARIAT
IS PREPARING CLEAN DRAFT OF AGREED PORTION AND WE WILL
CABLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. UNRESOLVED ISSUES INCLUDE:

(A) PARAS. 3-7: UK HAS PROPOSED REVISION OF THIS
OPENING SECTION TO INCLUDE A STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES
AND POSSIBLY REFERENCE TO WORK ON INTERNATIONAL AGREE-
MENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS. OBJECTIVES WOULD INCLUDE THOSE
NOW LISTED IN PARA 16 PLUS GOAL OF ESTABLISHING AN
INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR TNC'S MAXIMIZING THEIR
POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS WHILE CONTROLLING THEIR NEGATIVE
EFFECTS. UK HAS ALSO PROPOSED THAT PARA 22 (LISTING
OF AREAS OF CONCERN) BE MOVED TO THIS INTRODUCTORY SECTION.

(B) MODALITIES (PARAS. 13 AND 33) EFFORT IS TO FIND
WORDING TO PERMIT THE STANDING ADVISORY GROUP COME INTO
BEING PRIOR TO 3RD SESSION, POSSIBLY EVENTUALLY ASSIST THE
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INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP DURING ITS INTERSESSIONAL
MEETINGS.

(C) PARA 14: CANADIANS PUSHING TO REVISE SECTION
(IV) TO HAVE CENTER DRAFT CODE OF CONDUCT.

(D) DISCLOSURE OF INFO (PARAS. 21, 22, 24):
REPORTED SEPTEL.

(E) PARA. 28: REPORTED SEPTEL.

(F) CORRUPT PRACTICES: US INITIATIVE TO WORK TOWARD
AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT IN THIS AREA HAS NOT BEEN
FORMALLY CONSIDERED, BUT COMMISSION COMMITTED TO DISCUSS
LATER TODAY.

6. INFORMAL SESSIONS SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE THROUGH
TODAY (MARCH 11). HOPEFULLY, COMMISSION WILL MEET IN
FORMAL SESSION TOMORROW TO APPROVE PROGRAM OF WORK
AND REPORT OF THIS SESSION.
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